

107 South Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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Early Nineteenth Century

One of Easton's early brick townhouses, 107 South Washington, is of the usual two-and-a-half story, side hall plan. The front entrance is framed with pilasters carrying an entablature and double keystone lintels are used at windows. This building has a belt course which matches that of 109, (T-10), a building to which it is connected. The carved wooden chain molding at the cornice is characteristic of several of the town's early buildings.

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

107 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William B. and Francis Plate

Telephone #: 301-745-2254

STREET & NUMBER

Maiden Point Farm

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21663

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 304

Folio #: 297

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman (listed with #109 at T-10)

DATE

August 28, 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED and restored	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Now joined to #109 South Washington Street, (T-10) this two-and-a-half story brick row building stands on the west side of the street. It is the central building in a group of three Federal structures which stand at the end of South Street.

The building is two bays wide and has a gable roof. The brick bearing wall extends up above the gable roof forming curtains between the adjacent structures. A tall chimney, thirty-four courses in height, rises from the east roof slope at the south wall; it is finished with a simple cap. The front facade is laid in Flemish bond brick, now painted grey. There is a belt course of three courses of recessed brick covered with stucco at the second floor level. The course is continuous with the belt course of #109 North Washington. Beneath the cornice, in the position normally occupied by a bed molding is a wooden molding intricately carved in a chain motif.

The two second floor windows are probably original; the beaded frames, trimmed with a quarter round backband molding, hold six over six sashes. Louvered shutters, painted dark green, flank these windows. Window openings have double keystone lintels of sandstone decorated by chiseled reedings and flutings. The same treatment, used on several of Easton's Federal period buildings, is very skillfully done and must have been the work of a master stone carver.

The main entrance is framed with pilasters carrying an entablature, decorated by a row of very small dentils. The six panel door is appropriate to the period; it is topped by a transom light of four panes. The window in the first floor is identical to those above except that it has three-panel shutters, painted white.

A simple gable dormer in the center of the building has six over six sashes. Its cheeks are covered with horizontal weatherboarding. The position of a basement window or cellar door in the center of the facade is marked by a line in the brickwork and a rowlock.

The first floor of the building was used as a shop for many years. The interior is chiefly modern except for two Federal type mantles which have survived. The second floor and the attic, however, are nearly intact, with early pine floors, window and door trim. Now used as an apartment the simple mantle on the second floor shows the Greek Revival influence also noticeable on the entrance entablature.

The structure is two rooms deep with a kitchen shed added to the rear. It has no stair, the second floor apartment being entered from #109.

The building was restored in 1969. The gray painted facade contrasts with dark green shutters and white trim. It is beautifully maintained, converted into lovely apartments.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES Early Nineteenth Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT Hugh Martin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure is one of the best maintained of Easton's early buildings. One of three contemporary structures which retain their historic character, this part of South Washington must appear much as it did over one hundred and seventy five years ago. The present owners who restored this building and #109, have provided Easton with an encouraging example of the adaptation of very old buildings to our twentieth century way of life.

This structure was evidently constructed after #109, however, windows, roof and the belt course are continued at the same level. The brick and stone work are very well done. The belt course is an unusual feature in Easton's early buildings.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

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STREET & NUMBER

Box 1171

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

DATE

September 15, 1976

TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,

301-822-2706 President

STATE

Maryland 21601

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Easton, Maryland 21601

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Early Nineteenth
Century

-B43/F13

These two properties were put together as one in 1821 when Theodore Denny bought the southern portion of the double house. Hugh Martin had built #109. It was standing in 1809 according to a description deed for the property adjoining on the north. But it is unclear just when Martin built his house. However, Martin was forced to sell his home. James Earle, Jr. was appointed the trustee for the creditors of Hugh Martin and John Harwood contracted to buy the property, but his decease put it in the hands of John Goldsborough to sell it to Theodore Denny.

B31/F12

In 1804, James Willson bought the lot from James Earle, Jr. on which he had 'lately erected a two-story brick building.' The lot measured only 15 feet 7½ inches along Washington Street, though it had a depth of 147 feet. Peter Denny, father of Theodore, bought the house and lot in 1809 for \$2513.00.

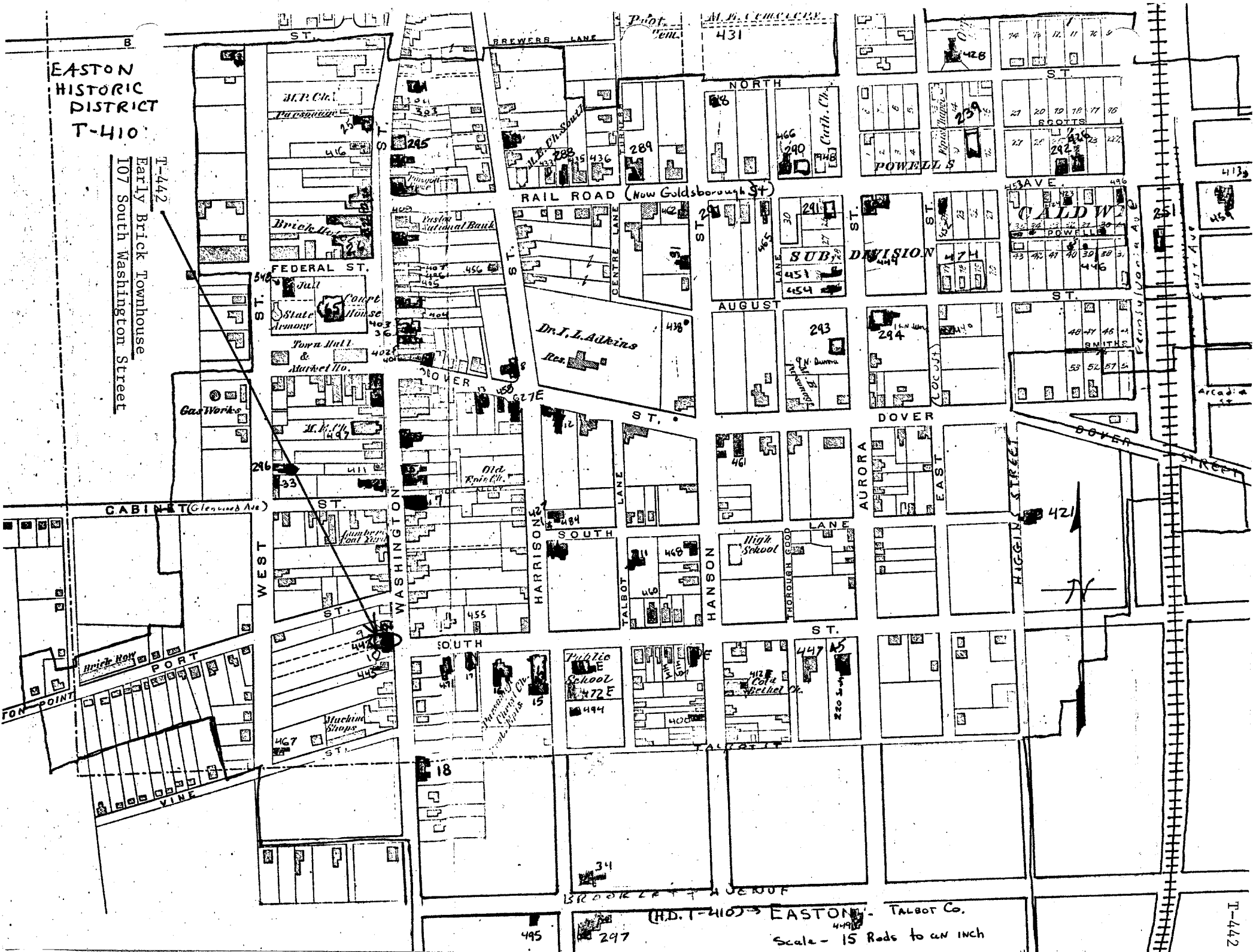
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The two houses became one property in 1821 and have remained so. It eventually came into the possession of James Spence in 1914. He willed it to his daughter, now Mrs. William Platte, who is the present owner. For a time, the ground floor area was commercialized, but has lately been restored to its original facade, and is being used as apartments.

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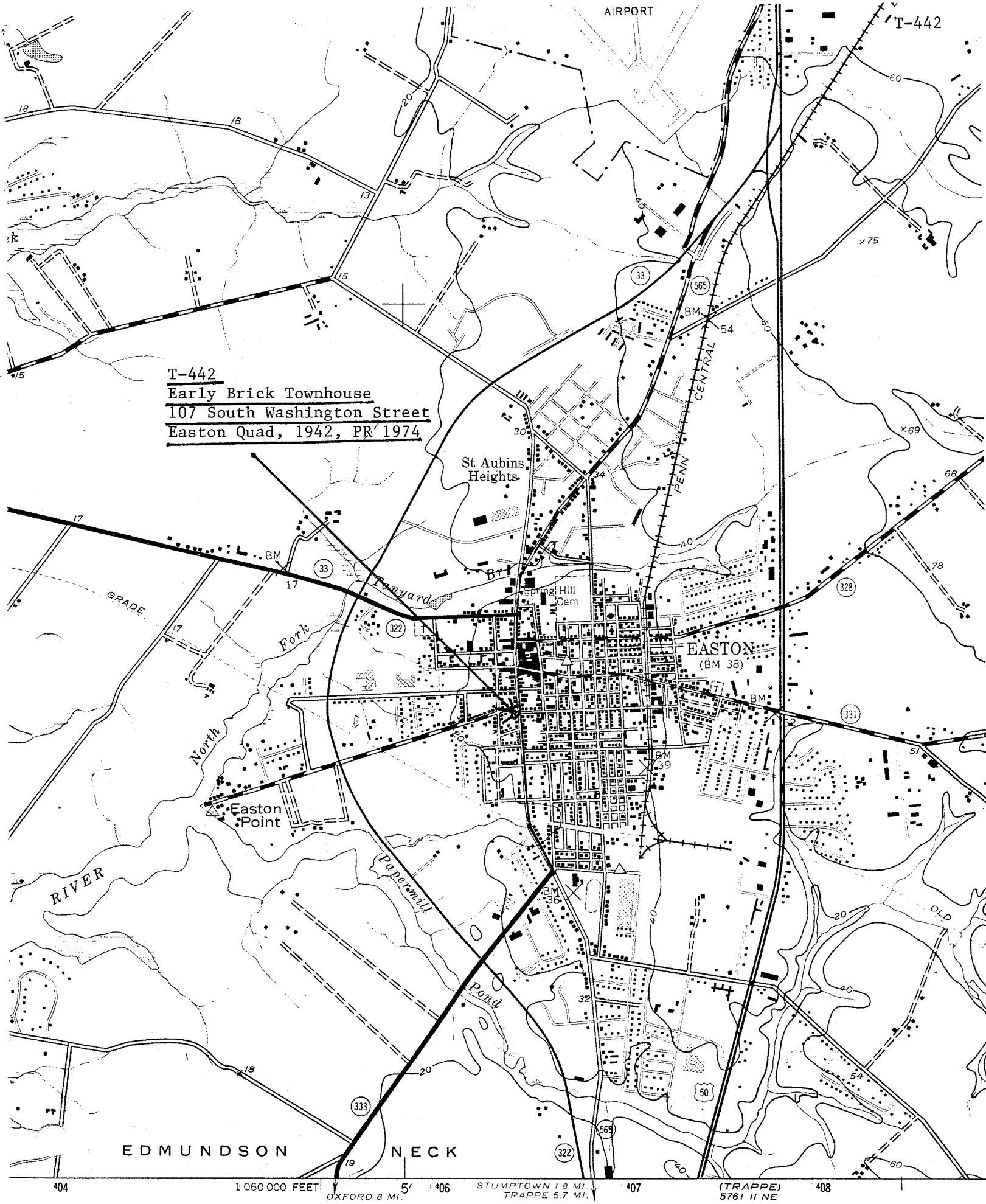
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107 South Washington Street



Scale - 15 Rods to an inch
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Early Brick Townhouse
107 South Washington Street
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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metric methods



22 x 1.75

52%

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107 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
EASTON, MD

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EAST FACADE

AUGUST 1936

MLFRITZ

